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Against the background of a general review of the number of points of convergence between Western concepts of human rights and influential Asian philosophies, the author reports on the effectiveness of national human rights institutions and endeavours to illustrate the problems encountered in the development of an Asia-Pacific regional human rights agreement. Key institutions such as the Asia-Pacific Forum and LAWASIA, which produce vital documents such as the Asian Human Rights Charter and the 1995 Beijing Statement of Principles of the Independence of the Judiciary, are scrutinised in the context of providing guidance in a global political climate where state sovereignty is constantly threatening to encroach upon basic individual human rights.....	178
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EVIDENCE OF UNCHARGED CRIMINAL ACTS

David Ross QC

Evidence of uncharged acts usually has its genesis in an improper relationship of long standing. The admissibility of such evidence is scarcely supported by old authority or by logic. But times have changed, and every jurisdiction now admits the evidence. The author examines the bases for admission. Assuming proper admission, what is the standard of proof? Can the evidence of uncharged acts support the evidence of the charged acts and, if so, how? There may be more events than can be realistically fitted on one indictment. Is there any difference when there is more than one complainant? What direction must a trial judge give? Is there an efficient method of appeal? This article attempts to distil some general propositions but it means looking at a lot of cases. It examines how uncharged acts can affect sentence. Finally, the author deals with the defence introduction of an accused's own uncharged criminal acts. 188

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